

2006 ELECTION

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 12



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Kyle Yamashita was first elected to serve Upcountry Maui in 2004. During his freshman term, he focused on issues that directly impact district residents such as agriculture, farming, and water resources. In his first year, Yamashita served as vice chair of the Legislative Management committee. Currently, he serves as vice chair of the Tourism and Culture committee.

In the 2006 session, Yamashita's accomplishments include securing \$12 million for the widening of Haleakala Highway, \$1.5 million to improve the dual use agricultural water line project, \$650 thousand for planning of a New Performing Arts Auditorium at King Kekaulike High School, \$690 thousand for sidewalks on Kula and Haleakala Hwy (Safe Routes to Schools), and \$5.85 million for the repair and maintenance of Upcountry public schools (2005-2007).

Looking forward, Yamashita's priorities include supporting the future of agriculture in Upcountry Maui, and preserving the life-style and open spaces that Upcountry residents cherish. At the same time, Yamashita recognizes the importance of providing economic opportunities for our young people to work, raise their families, and to prosper. He believes that education provides the foundation for life-long development, especially early childhood education.

Yamashita married his high school sweetheart, Karen. They have been married 22 years, and have two sons, Dustin, age 19, and Tyler, age 13. In addition to being a legislator, Yamashita is a small businessperson on Maui.